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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
1650 Arch Street (3CG10)
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Via Electronic Mail (r3foia@epa.gov) and online form submission

Re: Freedom of Information Act request for records in regard to EPA's review of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's six (6) draft NPDES permits for Murphy-Brown, LLC Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Surry and Sussex Counties, Virginia

Dear Regional Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 551 et seq., I am writing on behalf of the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) to request records held by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3.

Specifically, EIP seeks all records related to EPA's review of six draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently issued to concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)—specifically, the Murphy-Brown, LLC operations covered by permit numbers VA0C40001, VA0C40003, VA0C40004, VA0C40005, and VA0C40006—in Surry and Sussex Counties, Virginia.

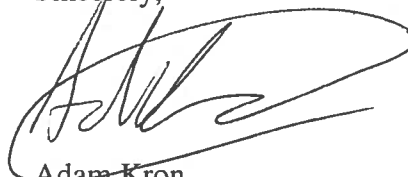
As referenced in the attached letter DEQ sent to EIP on February 2, 2016, "EPA and DEQ worked closely formulating the language in Part I.A.1., and on July 16, 2015, EPA approved the draft permits." We seek all records related to this review—including any draft permits edited or "marked up" by EPA, external communications with DEQ and the operators and internal communications within EPA—during this time period.

Please include in your response an explanation of which documents, if any, may be privileged or exempt from this FOIA request and why. If you claim that the records should not be disclosed, please justify your refusal by referring to the specific exemption that you are invoking under FOIA. Also, please provide those portions of documents with information requested that are not specifically exempted from disclosure.

Additionally, if the costs of completing this request will exceed \$100, please contact me with the estimated costs at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance with this request, and I look forward to hearing from you. If I can provide any additional information or answer any questions that can help to clarify or limit this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 263-4451 or akron@environmentalintegrity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Kron', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Adam Kron
Senior Attorney
Environmental Integrity Project

Attachment